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THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA: PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM AND LASTING PEACE AND PROGRESS IN FASHIONING A REGION OF PEACE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

Colombia, Mexico, Norway, Spain and Venezuela: draft resolution

United Nations Office of Verification in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the situation in Central America and, in particular, resolution 50/226 of 10 May 1966, by which it, inter alia, decided to establish the United Nations Office of Verification in El Salvador to follow up implementation of pending aspects of the peace accords in El Salvador through 31 December 1996 after the expiration of the mandate of the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 25 November 1996 on the United Nations Office of Verification in El Salvador,[1]

Recognizing with satisfaction the efforts that continue to be made by the Government, other parties to the peace accords and the people of El Salvador to honour the commitments contained in the accords and consolidate the peace process,

Welcoming the progress made towards a society characterized by democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights,

[1] A/51/693.

Paying tribute to those Member States which have contributed personnel and voluntary funding to the Office and to technical assistance projects undertaken in support of the peace process,

1. Welcomes the continuing commitment of the Government and people of El Salvador to the consolidation of the peace process;

2. Pays tribute to the accomplishments of the United Nations Office of Verification in El Salvador, under the authority of the Secretary-General and his Representative;

3. Notes with satisfaction the commitment by the Government of El Salvador and other parties to the peace accords to the full implementation of the provisions of the peace accords and urges them to work together to complete this implementation without delay;

4. Decides, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 33 of the report of the Secretary-General, that:

(a) The Representative of the Secretary-General in El Salvador should be withdrawn at the conclusion of the mandate of the United Nations Office of Verification on 31 December 1996;

(b) The responsibilities of verification and good offices entrusted to the United Nations should be executed through periodic visits to El Salvador by a high-level envoy from New York who will keep the Secretary-General informed on a regular basis;

5. Also decides that the envoy will be assisted for a period of six months in the discharge of these responsibilities by a small support unit in El Salvador, working with the administrative support of the United Nations Development Programme;

6. Emphasizes the importance of a continued and enhanced cooperation of the various agencies, offices and programmes of the United Nations system active in El Salvador with the efforts of the Organization as verification of the peace accords approaches its conclusion and in the consolidation of the peace process;

7. Calls upon Member States and international institutions to continue to provide assistance to the Government and people of El Salvador and to lend support to the efforts of the United Nations in El Salvador for the purposes of peace-building and development;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to it before the end of June 1997 on the implementation of the present resolution, including an assessment of the peace process in El Salvador.